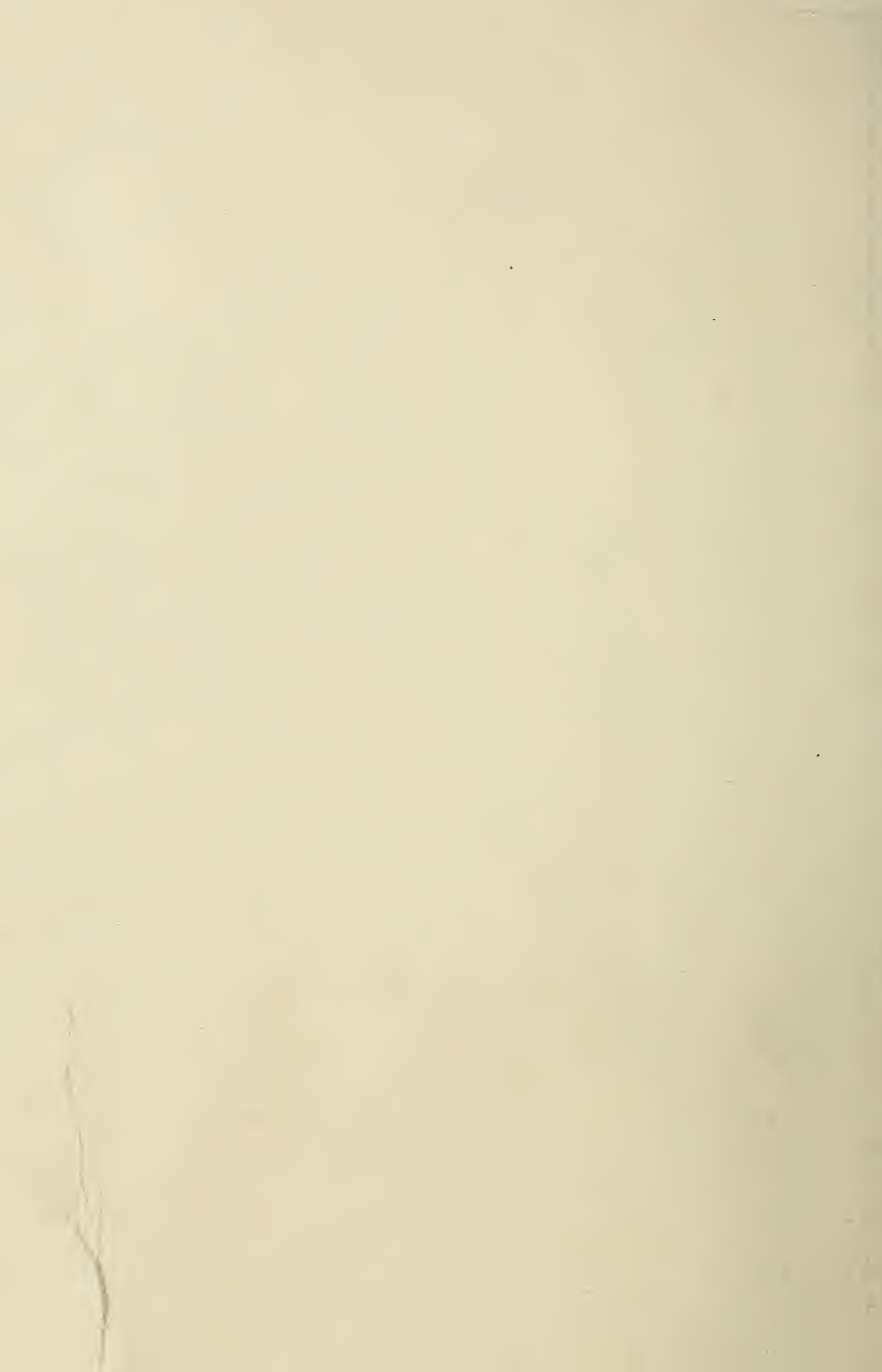


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# DISTINCTIVE DAHLIAS OF MERIT



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NEW JERSEY



In issuing this catalogue, we feel confident that it contains as fine a collection of dahlias as can be found in the world. Our aim is to include only the best varieties, and any that do not possess the requisite qualities to make them desirable are discarded.

Prices quoted are for divided field grown roots, pot roots or green plants. Either kind will give satisfaction, and many experienced growers prefer green plants.

Order early as all orders are filled in strict rotation.

We do not substitute unless requested to do so in the order, but would suggest naming a few varieties as second choice.

All sales and quotations are made on a strictly cash basis regardless of the responsibility of the customers.

Dahlia roots and plants will be sent prepaid by express or insured parcel post, according to the size of order and distance to be carried.

All orders are shipped after May 1st unless otherwise ordered.

Remittances should be made by bank draft, postoffice money order, or registered letter.

We guarantee all roots and plants to be healthy and true to name. Having no control over them after delivery, we do not guarantee them to live and thrive. Any unsatisfactory bulbs must be returned within ten days from date of shipment, as our responsibility ceases after that time.

If you are unacquainted with the different classes and varieties of dahlias, we would suggest that you leave the selection to us. Send us the amount of money you wish to invest, and in return we will send you a selection of dahlias which will surely please.



## How to Grow Dahlias

Dahlias do well in most all soils, but do best in a sandy loam.

Heavy soils can be considerably lightened by the addition of coal ashes.

Plant in an open, sunny location, away from trees and buildings.

The tubers should be planted from four to six inches deep and three feet apart each way.

Lay the tuber flat on its side, with an eye or sprout pointing upward. Never plant a tuber in an upright position.

Dahlias may be planted with comparative safety up to July 1st, but best results are obtained when planted between the 1st and 15th of June.

If you find it necessary to stake your plants, the stake should be driven into the ground at the time the tubers are planted.

As soon as a plant has two or three pairs of leaves, pinch out the center of the plant, thereby inducing the growth of heavy side branches. The plant will not grow so tall, but will bear just as many flowers, and as a rule do away with the use of dahlia stakes.

Commence cultivating the plants as soon as they are through the ground and keep your soil in a mellow condition to the end of the season. Never allow a crust to form around your dahlias.

We do not approve of watering dahlias, but in a very dry season it may be necessary for you to do so. When you do water, do so thoroughly. After watering, the soil should be moist ten or twelve inches in depth.

Poor soil or soil inclined to bake may be improved by the addition of well-rotted manure, which should be spaded into the soil at least ten inches.

After the dahlias have started to bloom, well-rotted manure may be raked into the ground around each plant bi-weekly, with excellent results.

The size of the flowers may be increased by disbudding. Buds are usually born in sets of three; the two side buds are removed, thus throwing the strength into the one remaining and giving a larger flower.

Young plants are at times attacked by aphid or midge, and the use of a tobacco spray will usually kill the pests.

If your plants are attacked by leaf-eating insects, a spray of arsenate of lead may be used with good results.

Flowers should be cut in the morning with the dew on them, and immediately plunged into hot water for a few seconds. The flowers if then placed in cold water and kept in a cool place will last for a week or more.

As soon as the plants are killed by frost in the Fall, they should be dug up, and after being left in the open for a few hours to dry, packed in sawdust or sand. Dahlias keep best in a cool place where the temperature is about 45 degrees.

Divide in the Spring after the eyes begin to show.



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- A. C. IDE (D)** Rich, velvety maroon flower. A grand variety and one sure to be in demand, especially for exhibition purposes .....\$**0.75**
- AMERICA (P)** The color of this beautiful dahlia is a blood orange red suffused gold. Flowers are of immense size.. **.50**
- ANDREW CARNEGIE (P)** Color a delicate pink flushed salmon. The open center is very prominent and adds to the beauty of this flower ..... **.25**
- ATTRACTION (HC)** A clear lilac rose, extremely attractive. The flower when grown to perfection is of immense size. Splendid long, stiff stems hold this flower erect and make it a fine cut flower ..... **.75**
- AUGUSTE NONIN (D)** A massive flower, clear scarlet, held well above the foliage on long, stiff stems..... **.50**
- AUORE (P)** A beautiful semi-double, free flowering dahlia of an unusual coloring, being orange salmon, shaded bronze. The flowers are held above the plant on strong stems. A very desirable dahlia, which must be seen to be appreciated..... **.75**
- AUTUMN GOLD (P)** The color of this beautiful dahlia is a blending of deep old rose and salmon, tinted with gold. The flowers often measure eight inches across, and are held erect on stiff stems. The plant is a very vigorous grower..... **.50**
- AVALANCHE (P)** Splendid white flowers of good size borne profusely on long stems..... **.50**
- BELOIT (HC)** A massive dahlia, often measuring eight inches across and three inches deep. The flowers are held erect on long, stiff stems. The color is a rich, deep purplish garnet, with a crimson suffusion ..... **.50**
- BERTHA VON SUTTNER (P)** A beautiful shade of blush rose suffused salmon and yellow. This is an immense flower of unusual qualities and should be in every collection..... **.35**
- BIANCA (HC)** A delicate pink lavender, with deeper center. A beautiful flower held erect on long, stiff stems. Should be seen to be appreciated..... **.50**
- BILLIONAIRE (P)** An enormous flower of a beautiful golden orange color, the flowers often measuring eleven inches across. The plant is of medium growth, but the flowers are held well above the foliage on long stems. A very desirable dahlia. **2.00**

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- BREAK O' DAY (HC)** The color of this beautiful dahlia is a delicate, clear sulphur yellow, shading to sulphur white at the tips. The petals are of great substance, illuminated by a satiny sheen, giving the flower a waxy appearance. . . . . **1.00**
- BREEZE LAWN (D)** One of the largest and finest dahlias in existence. The color is a vivid, fiery vermillion. Attracts attention wherever grown . . . . . **.75**
- CAECILIA (P)** Immense flowers of creamy white with a waxy appearance. A very desirable flower. . . . . **.35**
- CALIFORNIA (P)** The color of this flower is a clear, canary yellow. Flowers are borne in great profusion and are held erect on stiff stems. . . . . **.50**
- CARDINAL (P)** A monster dahlia of perfect form. Cardinal in color as well as form. A very vigorous grower. . . . . **1.00**
- CHATENAY (P)** Color similar to the well-known Chatenay Rose. A warm carmine rose, shaded salmon. Flowers of medium size, with extra long stems. A beautiful flower. . . . **.35**
- COPPER (P)** A unique combination of colors, copper bronze and apricot. A large flower of the peony type on long stems . . . . . **1.00**
- CREAM KING (P)** As the name indicates, the color of this dahlia is a soft cream. The size is immense. An excellent cut flower, and a favorite for exhibition. . . . . **1.00**
- DELICE (D)** One of the best pink dahlias. A brilliant, glowing rose pink flower of beautiful form. Blooms very freely. . **.25**
- DR. HENRY SEWALL** A very large, handsome flower, with broad, flat petals of the perfect peony flower now so deservedly popular. The color is so unique as to place it in a distinct class. In color it may be described as a pink fawn, with slight amber shading at the base of the petals. A sturdy, rank grower with exceptionally long stems. It has the highest recommendation . . . . . **.50**
- DR. H. TEVIS (D)** This flower is described by the originator as the largest and most beautiful decorative dahlia in cultivation, with long stems; blooms average nine to eleven inches across; color is a beautiful shade of soft salmon rose, suffused with old gold, shading to a golden apricot; the largest dahlia in existence for exhibition purposes. . . . . **1.50**

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- DR. PEARY (P)** A dark mahogany, velvety shaded, of beautiful form, and always admired wherever grown. . . . . .40
- DREAM (D)** A most conspicuous salmon shade with amberlike glow. A flower of supreme beauty and perfect form, standing erect on long, strong stems. A very free bloomer. . . . . .75
- DREER'S WHITE (S)** Described as a pure white show dahlia, but we find at times it shows a faint tinge of yellow at the center. This, however, does not detract from its beauty. We consider this the best of the quilled dahlias. The flowers are of large size . . . . . .25
- DUCHESS OF BRUNSWICK (P)** Immense flowers of a brilliant red, the reverse of the petals being apricot. A variety greatly admired wherever shown. . . . . .75
- ETENDARD DE LYON (HC)** The color of this dahlia is unusual, being described as deep violet overlaid Tyrian rose. Immense flowers on long stiff stems make this a very desirable flower .50
- EVEQUE (D)** An elegant bright purplish violet flower, always held erect on strong stems. Fine for cutting and most effective for the garden. . . . . .50
- FIREBURST (D)** The flowers which are very long and borne profusely above the foliage are a light scarlet, slightly shaded orange . . . . . .35
- FUTURITY (D)** A charming dahlia of deep old rose. The stem is long and the flowers are exceptionally large. A very free flowering dahlia and most beautiful. . . . . .1.00
- GEISHA (P)** This flower is a beautiful combination of scarlet and gold, which instantly attracts attention wherever grown. Probably the most popular dahlia in the United States today and well worthy of a place in every collection. The sensation of the garden. . . . . .40
- GEN. J. B. SETH (HC)** Very large and perfectly formed flower of rich strawberry red color. Profuse bloomer. . . . . .25
- GENERAL JOFFRE (D)** A wonderful new dahlia of a pleasing pink, shading in the center to nearly white. Enormous flowers on good stems. . . . . .1.00
- GOLDEN GATE (HC)** A very large hybrid cactus of rich, deep golden yellow suffused and shaded fawn. Splendid under artificial light . . . . . .35



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- GOLDEN WEST (C)** A superb flower of exceptional size; often seven inches across. Stems long and rigid, holding the flower to full view. Color, golden yellow, shaded to pure yellow in center ..... **.50**
- GRAND DUKE ALEXIS (S)** Similar to Dreer's White, but with a faint lavender overlay, which adds to its attractiveness; very large ..... **.25**
- GREAT BRITAIN (D)** A much admired decorative dahlia of a deep mauve shade; very large flower of perfect form..... **.50**
- H. HORNSVELD (P)** A charming dahlia of soft salmon shaded yellow. Very large flowers borne in great profusion..... **.30**
- H. J. LOVINCK (P)** A beautiful mauve, shaded yellow and white at center. A splendid flower, much admired because of its wonderful shading..... **.50**
- HOCHSAI (D)** This wonderful dahlia is a mixture of scarlet and gold. The flowers are enormous, often measuring ten inches across, and are held above the foliage on long, heavy stems. A desirable cut flower..... **1.00**
- HON. R. L. BORDEN (P)** Rich, golden bronze. A very large flower of a beautiful type, a most pleasing shade, and a very free bloomer ..... **.50**
- HORTULANUS FIET (D)** A delicate shade of coral pink, suffused gold, each petal being tipped with gold. The flowers are exceptionally large; often measuring eight inches across. Extra long stems hold the flower well above the foliage. Truly magnificent ..... **.50**
- INSULINDE (P)** A large flower of amber bronze, suffused salmon and old gold. The slightly twisted petals add to the attractiveness of this flower. A beautiful dahlia of fine form, and admired by everyone..... **1.00**
- JUSTICE BAILEY (C)** The most sensational cactus dahlia of the age. Specimens of this variety have measured eight and one-half inches in diameter, and an average would be from five to seven inches. Color, rich, glowing pink, shading a little lighter toward the center. Always full, and perfect in form.... **.60**
- KALIF (HC)** The sensation of our dahlia fields. A brilliant pure scarlet flower of immense size, often measuring ten inches across. The immense flowers are carried erect on extra long, heavy stems. A profuse bloomer and should be in every collection ..... **.75**

- KING ALBERT (P)** A deep velvety purple flower, which instantly attracts attention, and is the subject of much favorable comment. We have grown this flower to measure twelve inches across. A very desirable dahlia..... 1.00
- KING OF THE AUTUMN (D)** The color of this beautiful dahlia is buff yellow, suffused terra cotta. The flowers are very large and are borne on long stems, held well above the foliage. The plant is a very vigorous grower and profuse bloomer.... .75
- LEO XIII (D)** A deep yellow flower of remarkable form, which always receives favorable comment. The flowers are borne in great profusion throughout the season..... .50
- MME. BUTTERFLY (D)** The color of this beautiful dahlia is salmon suffused and shaded old gold with reverse of petals a deep wine. A wonderful dahlia of pleasing form and which is a sensation wherever shown. Our stock is limited and we, therefore, cannot sell more than one plant to a customer..... 2.00
- MARGUERITE BOUCHON (C)** A beautiful shade of light pink with white center. A very showy dahlia..... .50
- MASTERPIECE (D)** The originator's description is a gigantic flower of clear, pure color, without shading, borne on long stems often twenty inches in length. Blooms early and continuously through the season. Color, clear, rich tango..... .35
- MEYERBEER (P)** The best of the French peony flowered dahlias. The flowers are enormous and the color is a fascinating shade of purple. Excellent for exhibiting..... 1.00
- MILLIONAIRE (D)** The color of this magnificent dahlia is a delicate lavender, with faint pink cast overshadowing it. The depth of this flower, and the number of large, finely shaped petals in its formation has never been equalled in any dahlia. Monster flowers measuring thirteen inches across have been exhibited. A most wonderful dahlia..... 2.00
- MINA BURGLE (D)** A large flower of fine form and a beautiful rich scarlet color..... .50
- MRS. CHAS. L. SEYBOLD (P)** Distinct, bright, crimson pink, each petal tipped white. A strikingly beautiful variety... .35
- MRS. GEORGE GORDON (P)** A delicate creamy white flower of large size. Produces flowers in great abundance. One of the best ..... .35

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- MRS. J. C. VAUGHAN (HC)** Lovely, bright, clear yellow flowers often measuring eight inches across. The incurved, irregular florets add greatly to the attractiveness of this flower. Should be in every collection. . . . . **.75**
- MRS. J. GARDNER CASSATT (D)** A beautiful rose pink decorative of great substance, held erect on extra long stems. Flowers are borne in great profusion up to frost. A dahlia much admired and which should be in every collection. . . . . **.25**
- MRS. WARNAAR (HC)** A splendid hybrid cactus of a creamy white, sometimes suffused pink. A most distinctive dahlia and one much admired wherever grown. . . . . **.75**
- MONDSCHIEBE (P)** Profuse bloomer of a soft yellow. Flowers of good size and formation and borne on stems often twenty-four inches in length, making this an invaluable cut flower **.50**
- MT. HOOD (D)** A beautiful snow white dahlia, which possesses none of the tints so often found in other white dahlias. The flowers are of immense size and are borne on long stems. . . **.50**
- MT. TAMALPAIS (P)** A dark red peony dahlia. A very prolific bloomer and much admired. Flowers frequently measure eleven inches across . . . . . **2.50**
- OREGON BEAUTY (P)** Immense flowers of bright, oriental red. One of the most brilliant shades, and a flower well worth adding to your collection. . . . . **.35**
- PAINTED LADY (P)** A most delicate pale rose flower of exquisite form. An exceedingly beautiful and attractive dahlia. Will become more popular when better known. . . . . **.25**
- PHENOMENAL (P)** The color of this flower is unique, being a pleasing combination of red, purple, violet, yellow and white. An enormous flower. Often measuring nine inches across. Of distinctly original form. . . . . **.50**
- PRINCESS JULIANA (D)** A very free flowering dahlia of fine form, and pure white. A splendid cut flower. . . . . **.35**
- PRINCESS MARY (P)** A vivid light pink, margined blush. One of the best varieties in pink and carries a mass of flowers on long, stiff stems. . . . . **.75**
- SALVATOR (P)** A dwarf growing plant, which carries a mass of extra large, deep rose pink flowers, held above the foliage on stiff stems. A much admired flower, which will be in demand when better known. . . . . **.75**

- SEBASTOPOL (D)** The flower is of rich, bright orange, and of good substance, and is held above the foliage on long, strong stems. A remarkably handsome variety and the best of its class ..... **.35**
- SOUVENIR DE GUSTAVE DOAZON (D)** A wonderfully attractive dahlia of mammoth size. The color is an orange scarlet, and the flowers have long stems, making this a very desirable cut flower. Should be in every collection..... **.30**
- TERRA COTTA (D)** A large flower of graceful form, much admired because of its unique coloring, which is a dark bronze suffused gold ..... **.75**
- TOM LUNDY (HC)** Said by many to be the largest hybrid cactus dahlia grown. Flowers frequently measure twelve inches across. The color is a bright velvet red. .... **1.00**
- WODAN (HC)** Flowers immense, but of elegant shape. Petals are very broad, tubular and strongly incurved. The color is salmon suffused old gold..... **.50**
- WOLFGANG VON GOETHE (HC)** Large, gracefully formed flowers of a rich apricot with carmine shadings. Much admired and should be in every collection..... **.50**
- YELLOW KING (HC)** Clear yellow, extra large flowers, and a profuse bloomer. Yellow King surpasses any other variety of its type and color and should be in your collection..... **.50**







